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In re PATENT APPLICATION of: AHOLA ET AL. Confirmation Number: 2811

Application No.: 09/806,463

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Examiner: NGUYEN, THUAN T

Title: METHOD OF DETERMINING HOME AREA FOR SUBSCRIBER TERMINAL, AN ASSOCIATED RADIOSYSTEM AND A SUBSCRIBER NETWORK ELEMENT

April 6, 2005

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 6, 2005, the date for response to which is April 6, 2005, please reconsider the patentability of the pending claims based on the following remarks.

By this Response, no claims are amended, added, or canceled. Claims 1-8, 11-14 and 17-20 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. Accordingly, claims 1-20 remain pending in the patent application.

Claims 9-10 and 15-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) based on Salmela *et al.* (U.S. Pat. No. 6,516,193 B1) (hereinafter "Salmela"). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection because Salmela fails to disclose, teach or suggest all the features recited in the rejected claims.

For example, Salmela fails to disclose, teach or suggest a method wherein, for example, "the transceiving means are arranged to transmit the measurement results stored in the memory to the other parts of the system in response to a predetermined command

received by the subscriber terminal”, as recited in independent claim 9 and its dependent claim.

In addition, Salmela fails to disclose, teach or suggest a method comprising, for example, “a transceiving unit configured to set up a communication link via a radio path to other parts of the system and configured to transmit measurement results stored in a memory to the other parts of the system in response to a predetermined command received by the subscriber terminal”, as recited in independent claim 15 and its dependent claim.

Salmela merely discloses that a list of special cells is sent from the home location register of the network system to the mobile station. (*See* col. 7, lines 66-67, and col. 8, lines 1-2). In Salmela, the mobile station stores the list of special cells in its memory and uses it along with measurement results of signal strength to control its local operation (*See* col. 10, lines 23-32). Salmela teaches, for example, that cells having an acceptable signal strength are not used by the mobile station if those cells, according to the list, are forbidden cells. *Id.* Thus, in Salmela, signal strength measurement results are merely used internally by the mobile station to decide whether or not to connect to a cell. These measurement results are not sent from the mobile station to other parts of the system in response to a predetermined command. Salmela is completely silent about transceiving means or a transmitting unit that are arranged to transmit the measurement results stored in the memory to the other parts of the system in response to a predetermined command received by the subscriber terminal. For at least this reason, claims 9-10 and 15-16 are patentable over Salmela.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 9-10 and 15-16 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) based on Salmela are respectfully requested.

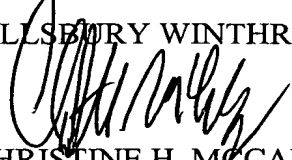
The rejection having been addressed, Applicants request issuance of a notice of allowance indicating the allowability of all pending claims. If anything further is necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants’ undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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